

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0183

Confidentiality-victim's interpreters.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) White, Berger, Harvey,
Olsen and Warren and Senator(s) Hastert and
Massie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to family violence and sexual assault;
2 specifying that communications between interpreters and
3 translators and victims of domestic violence or sexual
4 assault are confidential; providing exceptions; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-12-116(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (vii) and (b) by creating a new paragraph (iii)
11 is amended to read:

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13 **1-12-116. Confidential communications among family**
14 **violence and sexual assault advocate, interpreters,**
15 **translators and victim.**

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1 (a) As used in this section:

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3 (vii) "Interpreter or translator" means a person
4 who facilitates dialogue between parties who use different
5 languages.

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7 (b) Except as provided by W.S. 14-3-210, a person
8 exempted from testifying under the provisions of W.S.
9 1-12-116 shall not be examined as a witness in any civil,
10 criminal, legislative or administrative proceeding
11 concerning the following communications and information:

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13 (iii) An interpreter or translator shall not
14 testify concerning a confidential communication made by a
15 victim in the course of that relationship, except the
16 interpreter or translator may be compelled to testify:

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18 (A) If the victim is unable to testify due
19 to death or incompetence about a statement which the
20 interpreter or translator previously translated on behalf
21 of the victim when the victim was able to make the
22 statement; or

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